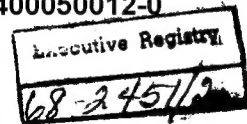


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R.L.B. -  
My only additional  
thought is to acknowledge  
that you know this idea  
of sending a memo for  
slots started with John  
Clarke.

STATINTL  
[Redacted]



27 May 1968

DD/568-2709

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

Bob:

I am returning this "mixed-bag" memorandum without action. I think you are sufficiently familiar with the current personnel ceiling situation to realize that I am not in a position to increase the over-all Agency ceiling. Were I to approve your recommendation, it would be necessary to make corresponding reductions in the appropriate Directorates.

I don't really see what this proposal accomplishes anyway. The DD/I does not concur but pledges his support. As far as I can see, as a result of BALPA and other personnel ceiling reductions, Directorates will be in at least as good a position, if not a better one, to supply personnel for this purpose in Fiscal Year 1969 as they are in Fiscal Year 1968.

The whole procedure you recommend is not only very confusing but I really do not see any relationship between your recommendation and the statement in my memorandum of 27 February 1967 that "the time for action is long overdue."

By the way, I don't recall ever giving my approval to continue slotting [redacted] against the O-DCI allotment after his departure from the Historical Staff. On the contrary, I seem to remember requesting months ago that this be rectified.

/s/ L. K. White

L. K. White

Attachment:

Memo dtd 12 Apr 68 to ExDir-Compt fr  
D/Pers, subj: Staffing for the Retirement  
Counseling and Placement Program